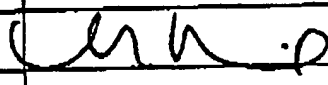
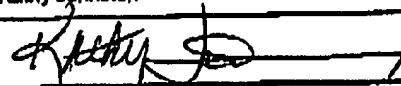


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Please amend claims 19, 36, 40, 41, and 42. Please add new claims 47 and 48. A marked up copy of all amended claims are provided in Appendix A. A clean copy of all pending claims are in Appendix B.

REMARKS

Claims 19-27 and 35-46 have been examined. Claims 19, 36, 40, 41, and 42 have been amended. Claims 47 and 48 have been added. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 40 and 41 define allowable subject matter. New claims 47 and 48 are respectively claims 40 and 41 rewritten in independent form including all of the